Protection of Cattle against diseases

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DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cows and buffaloes in our country as on 1st February, 1997;

(b) the annual mortality rates of cows and buffaloes;

(c) the major diseases which affect cattle in India; and

(d) the steps being taken to boost cattle protection in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The last livestock Census was conducted with reference date as 15th October, 1992. The next census with reference date of 15th October, 1997 is now due. As per 1992 livestock census the total number of cows and buffaloes in the country is 1030 and 835 lakh respectively.

The rate of growth of population of cows and buffaloes on the basis of census of 1987 and 1992 works out to be 0.8% and 1.9% per year. On that basis the population of cows and buffaloes on 1st February, 1997 should be about 1066 and 905 lakh respectively.

(b) The mortality of different species of livestock is not being worked out every year. However, according to an All India Survey on Raw Hides and Skins conducted during 1986 by the Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR), Madras in ten major States, the mortality of cattle and buffaloes worked out to 86 and 134 per 1000 live animals respectively.

(c) The major diseases which affect cattle and buffaloes in India are:

(i) Rinderpest

(ii) Foot and Mouth Disease

(iii) Haemorrhagic Septicaemia

(iv) Black Quarter

(v) Anthrax

(vi) Contagious Bovine Pleuro—peneumonia (CBPP)

(vii) Blue Tongue

(d) Regular vaccination against major infectious diseases, use of antibiotics, anthelmentic and chemotherapeutic agents coupled with other control measures are taken to protect cattle at State level. To supplement the State efforts in controlling major diseases inlivestock the Central Government have the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the States/UTs.

1. Animal Disease Surveillance Programme,

2. Foot and Mouth disease control Programme,

3. Systematic control of Livestock Diseases of National Importance,

4. National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.

On-going railway projects in North-Eastern States

*115. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going railway projects in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the present status of each project alongwith the target date of completion; and

(c) the initial cost estimate of the projects and the anticipated cost on the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.